

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 23 as follows:

Using the agar plate method, for bacteria, the following various bacteria were inoculated in SCD agar media (made by Eiken) containing 3-hexine-2,5-diol in different concentrations and cultured at 30°C for 24 hours. The concentrations of 3-hexine-2,5-diol not forming colonies (minimum inhibiting concentration: MIC) were found. Further, for fungi, the following various bacteria were inoculated in a potato dextrose agar media containing 3-hexine-2,5-diol in different concentrations and cultured at 25°C for 48 hours. The concentrations of 3-hexine-2,5-diol not forming colonies (minimum inhibiting concentration: MIC) were found. The same was conducted for methyl paraoxybenzoate methyl. The results of the judgment are shown in ~~Table 1~~ Table I-1 based on the following evaluation criteria:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 134 as follows:

Using the agar plate method, for bacteria, the following various bacteria were inoculated in SCD agar media (made by Eiken) containing 3-hexine-2,5-diol in different concentrations and cultured at 30°C for 24 hours. The concentrations of 3-hexine-2,5-diol not forming colonies (minimum inhibiting concentration: MIC) were found. Further, for fungi, the following various bacteria were inoculated in a potato dextrose agar media containing 3-hexine-2,5-diol in different concentrations and cultured at 25°C for 48 hours. The concentrations of 3-hexine-2,5-diol not forming colonies (minimum inhibiting concentration: MIC) were found. The same was conducted for methyl paraoxybenzoate methyl. The results of the judgment are shown in ~~Table III-1~~ Table VI-1 based on the following evaluation criteria:

Please delete the words "Table V-1" found at line 13 of page 135 and insert in their place "Table VI-1".